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*A.*—(i) the Government have no information. It has been called for.

(ii) (*a*) No; the Special Malaria Officer has stated that the scheme has not been working for a sufficiently long period to enable him to judge the success or otherwise of the scheme.

(*b*) & (*c*) He has recommended the extension of the scheme to certain areas, but the Government have decided not to extend the scheme to new areas until the success of the scheme originally sanctioned is established.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"With reference to the answer given to this question, may I enquire whether in the latest report for the year 1929, the Special Officer has stated that the scheme has been working successfully in certain areas?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"The answer to that is contained in clause (ii) (*a*)."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"I want to know whether in the latest report received, the Director of the department has himself stated that the scheme has been working successfully."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"I do not know to which report the hon. Member refers."

## Education

### *Amendment of the Grant-in-aid Code.*

*1542 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: With reference to question No. 33, dated the 6th August 1929, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Grant-in-aid Code has been since amended and if so, when and if not, the reasons for the delay?

*A.*—The question of amending the system of grants-in-aid applicable to secondary schools is still under consideration. Provision for the extra cost on this account is included in the civil budget estimates for the next year. Orders will be issued on the subject after the budget estimates have been voted by the Legislative Council.

### *Revision of the pay of Junior Deputy Inspectors.*

*1543 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have stopped the practice of selecting secondary grade trained teachers for the post of Junior Deputy Inspectors;

(*b*) whether B.A., L.T.'s and graduates who are recruited for the post are given the same pay as secondary grade trained teachers who are selected for it;

(*c*) whether school assistants who are B.A., L.T.'s get a higher scale of pay than Junior Deputy Inspectors with the same qualifications; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to revise the scale of pay now given to Junior Deputy Inspectors who are B.A., L.T.'s?

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*A.*—(*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) Yes; on the general principle that pay is fixed with reference to the duties and responsibilities appertaining to a particular post or class of posts and not with reference to the qualifications of individual officers holding the posts.

(*d*) No.

## Panchayat Forests

*Constitution and working of forest panchayats.*

* 1544 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to G.O. No. 1275, Revenue, dated 28th June 1929—

(*a*) under what statutory authority forest panchayats in the Presidency were constituted and rules were made for their administration;

(*b*) whether Government have in view any legislation to give them legal basis; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place the Forest Panchayat Rules on the Council table?

*A.*—(*a*) The constitution and administration of forest panchayats are governed by the executive orders of the Government.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The rules regulating forest panchayats are at present scattered over a number of Board's Proceedings and Government Orders. With a view to consolidating these instructions the Board of Revenue has submitted to Government a draft standing order which is intended to embody all the instructions that are to be observed on the subject in future. This draft is being considered by the committee appointed in G.O. Press No. 95, Revenue, dated 20th January 1930, which has been placed at the disposal of the Press. The rules as finally approved by the Government will be published.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"With reference to the answer given in clause (*a*), may I enquire on what statutory basis the forest panchayats are placed?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"They are not placed on any statutory basis."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"Then do they have any statutory force?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That is asking for opinion."

## Criminal Tribes Act

*Inspection of registered members of criminal tribes by the Police.*

* 1545 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: With reference to the answers arising out of supplementary questions on the answer to question No. 1130, dated 21st January 1930, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have ascertained if the registered members of criminal tribes living in the villages mentioned in the answers are required to go and report themselves to the officer in charge of police stations in the neighbouring villages on a night every week and, if so, whether they have ordered the practice to be put an end to?